

Amendments to the Claims:

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Original) Process for the preparation of granules for a pharmaceutical formulation, wherein
  - (i) a mixture comprising or consisting of
    - one or more active ingredients and
    - one or more retarding agentsis wetted with an oily substance and
  - (ii) the mixture is granulated.
2. (Original) Process for the preparation of granules for a pharmaceutical formulation, wherein
  - (i) one or more active ingredients are mixed with one or more retarding agents,
  - (ii) the mixture obtained is wetted with an oily substance and
  - (iii) the mixture obtained is granulated.
3. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein there is used a mixture according to claim 1 (i) ~~or claim 2 (ii)~~ comprising one or more excipients, especially comprising one or more fillers, flow-regulating agents, wetting agents and/or disintegrants.
4. (Currently Amended) Process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein wetting with the oily substance is carried out by spraying.
5. (Currently Amended) Process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein wetting with the oily substance is carried out at room temperature.
6. (Currently Amended) Process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein there is provided for the mixture according to claim 1 (i) ~~or according to claim 2 (ii)~~ and at least one corrosive and/or hydrophilic active ingredient.

7. (Currently Amended) Process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein an active ingredient content of from 0.1 to 98 % by weight and especially from 0.5 to 70 % by weight is provided (based on the total weight of the granules).
8. (Currently Amended) Process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein as retarding agent for the mixture according to claim 1 (i) ~~or according to claim 2 (ii)~~ there is provided a lipophilic retarding agent, especially in combination with a hydrogel matrix-forming agent and/or structural matrix-forming agent.
9. (Original) Process according to claim 8, wherein as retarding agent there is provided a combination of lipophilic retarding agent and hydrogel matrix-forming agent.
10. (Original) Process according to claim 8, wherein as retarding agent there is provided a combination of lipophilic retarding agent and structural matrix-forming agent with water-soluble excipient.
11. (Currently Amended) Process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein as oily substance there is used a natural oil, a synthetic oil, a solution of wax in oil, or low-viscosity wax.
12. (Currently Amended) Process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein a content of oily substance of from 0.2 to 20 % by weight and especially from 1 to 7.5 % by weight is provided (based on the total weight of the granules).
13. (Currently Amended) Process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the granules obtained are in addition provided with an outer phase of one or more retarding agents.
14. (Currently Amended) Process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein granulation is carried out using a fluidised bed granulator or a plowshare mixer.

15. (Currently Amended) Process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein granulation is carried out with the aid of a granule binder, especially in the form of a solution (granulating solution) of the granule binder in a solvent.
16. (Currently Amended) Process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the granules obtained are further processed to form tablets.
17. (Currently Amended) Process for the preparation of tablets, wherein granules that have been obtained according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1 are processed to form tablets.
18. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 16 ~~or 17~~, wherein for the further processing to form tablets or for the preparation of tablets, excipients are used, especially fillers, lubricants, flow-regulating agents and/or disintegrants.
19. (Original) Process according to claim 18, wherein the tablet is provided with a coating.
20. (Currently Amended) Granules obtained in accordance with a process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1.
21. (Original) Granules for a pharmaceutical formulation, consisting of or comprising a mixture of
  - one or more active ingredients and
  - one or more retarding agents, wherein
  - the mixture has been wetted with an oily substance.
22. (Original) Granules according to claim 21, wherein the granules comprise at least one corrosive and/or hydrophilic active ingredient.
23. (Currently Amended) Tablet, obtainable in accordance with a process according to ~~any one of claims 16, 17, 18 and/or 19~~ claim 16.